

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1-31 were rejected. Independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McGraw (USP 5,577,042).

The independent claims of the present invention were rejected using McGraw. McGraw describes a method for broadcasting signals in a variety of different formats (Abstract). "A communication system includes an information signal source for providing information signals in at least one signal format such as video, audio, data or voice. Multiple signal processing lines for receiving and carrying information signals having multiple formats. A selection and transmission subsystem that is connected to a network subsystem for receiving information signals from the signal source and selectively routing the information signals to the appropriate processing line or lines as directed by information contained in the information signals" (Column 2, Lines 36-42).

By contrast, independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31 variably recite embedding a first compressed video stream into a second compressed video stream. McGraw does not teach or suggest embedding a first compressed video stream into a second compressed video stream. Although McGraw notes that "translation of the signal may include compression or bit rate reduction of the signal for transmission purposes" (Column 2, Lines 65-67), no compressed video stream is embedded into a second compressed video stream. McGraw only describes embedding uncompressed information into a stream that may be compressed. "An information signal is embedded with destination information and signal identification information" (Column 2, Lines 58-60). Even if the information signal is compressed, the destination information and signal identification information embedded are not compressed.

In light of the above remarks relating to independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31, the remaining dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons noted above.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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